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SUBJECT: THE PRE-TITO VISIT BILATERAL AGENDA

1. DURING DISCUSSION FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO BERNARDIC JAN 20 ON JERUSALEM PEACE NEGOTIATIONS (REPORTED SEPTTEL, LATTER SAID THAT USG WILL SOON BE FORMALLY NOTIFIED THAT OUR PROPOSED ADATES FOR THE TITO VISIT ARE ACCEPTABLE. IT IS TITO'S WISH, AND GOY'S NOTIFICATION WILL PROPOSE, THAT VISIT BE LIMITED TO WASHINGTON ONLY. BERNARDIC SAID HE WANTED TO BEGIN TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR ON DETAILS OF TITO'S VISIT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF GOY'S ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED DATES.HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOY STRONGLY DESIRES RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN BILATERAL PROBLEMS PRIOR TO THE VISIT AND MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY KRSKO, EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPERGUARANTEE ISSUE. RE SUPERGUARANTEE, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT USG NOW IN PROCESS OF DRAFTING RESPONSE TO CEMOVIC'S LETTER TO MOORE AND THAT HE TRUSTED THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM IN THE SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION THE CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRES.

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2. ON GLIGOROV VISIT, BERNARDIC ASSURED AMBASSADOR, AS DID BELOVSKI, WHOM AMBASSADOR CHANCED TO MEET IN EXITING FSFA, THAT GOY DESIRE FOR POSTPONEMENT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR INABILITY TO ASSURE GLIGOROV OF A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT. BELOVSKI EVEN COMMENTED THAT GLIGOROV'S AIDES MAY WELL HAVE BEEN A BIT TOO AGRESSIVE ON THE MATTER. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT

WHETHER OR NOT GLIGOROV REMAINS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY
(AND HENCE IN POSITION TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO U.S.
FROM CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP) FOLLOWING UPCOMING
PERSONNEL CHANGES WITHIN GOY AND LCY, HE HOPED THAT
GLIGOROV WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT THE U.S. IN SOME CAPACITY.
BERNARDIC OPINED THAT WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE GLIGOROV
WILL RETAIN PRESIDENCY OF ASSEMBLY, HE PERSONALLY DID
NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE THE CASE.
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